

REMARKS

Claims 4-9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 10, 15, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

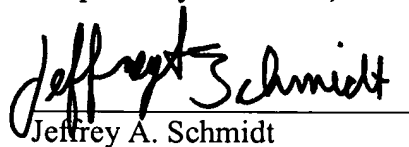
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 10, 15, and 20-23, include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claims 10, 15, and 20, into independent claims 6, 11, and 16, respectively. Claims 21-23 have been rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims are dependent on one of claims 6, 11, and 16, either directly or indirectly. Therefore, all the remaining claims are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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